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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY—Examination of Rodents for Plague Infection.

The following information is taken from bulletins issued by the department of health of New South Wales:

Month of May, 1910. Rodents destroyed, 5,730. Rodents examined, 1,944. No plague infection found.

The last case of human plague was reported May 29, 1909. The last plague-infected rodent was found April 25, 1910.

BARBADOS.

BRIDGETOWN—Inspection of Vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Le Sueur reports, June 25:

Week ended June 25. Bills of health issued to 5 vessels, of which 1 was fumigated. They carried an aggregate of 322 in crews and 173 passengers. Sanitary condition of vessels, cargoes, crews, and passengers good.

CHINA.

HONGKONG—Inspection of Vessels—Plague and Smallpox.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, May 23 and 31:

Week ended May 21. Quarantine restrictions enforced by and against Hongkong remain as reported May 14. Week ended May 28. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported May 21. The port of Swatow is declared cholera-infected, and medical inspection and discretionary quarantine are ordered at Hongkong.

During the week ended May 21, 1 case of smallpox was reported, and during the week ended May 28, 2 cases of plague with 2 deaths.

INSPECTION AND DISINFECTION OF VESSELS.

Week ended May 21.

Vessels granted bills of health.....	11
Total members of crews.....	1,030
Total cabin passengers.....	280
Total steerage passengers.....	992
Members of crews bathed.....	743
Passengers bathed.....	999
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	1,782
Crews' quarters disinfected:	
By formaldehyde.....	9
By sulphur.....	0